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NOTE FOR: DDCI

Hank -

This package has to do with staffing of [] DCI Committee on Exchanges (COMEX). I hate to bother you with it, but there is a policy question involved. You need only read the covering memo from John McMahon and the Comptroller's comments on the right.

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I considered asking [] to ask his people to try to identify slots in the DDO, but why should CIA have to fully staff the DCI Committee since the IC Staff itself has no slots. Shouldn't the military departments be asked for help? I remember when this Committee was first formed in 1974, the USIB was responding to tremendous pressure from DIA and the Air Force.

Request your guidance.



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Attachment:

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Executive Register

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : COMEX Personnel Needs

REFERENCE : (a) IC Staff Memo dtd 13 Jun 77,
same subject (IC-77-4575)(b) COMEX Memo dated 26 May 77,
Subject: Committee on Exchanges
Personnel Requirements (DCD/EC-16-77)

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1. ☐ The Chairman of the DCI Committee on East-West Exchanges (COMEX) has indicated to the Acting Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence Community that he faces a staffing problem. The Acting D/DCI/IC wants CIA to provide positions to solve it. (See Tab A.)

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2. ☐ Since COMEX was formed in 1974 it has been supported by positions. In 1976 and 1977 DDO provided four additional employees on loan from its Information Services Staff (ISS) to establish and maintain a growing COMEX data base on personalities and subjects (now containing folders).

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3. ☐ The COMEX chairman states that the period of the loan is coming to an end. All but one of the ISS employees have returned to ISS; the last has been allowed by ISS to remain for a short time so that the data base will not be abandoned while staffing is being resolved. The Chairman says he cannot provide replacements from elsewhere nor does he see any prospect that they might come from elsewhere in the DDO. If there are not replacements, he believes he will have to abandon the data base effort. As it is, ISS personnel supporting COMEX work too many hours of overtime each week, and this situation seems likely to get worse. The COMEX chairman says he could usefully

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4. ☐ The COMEX chairman asked the Acting D/DCI/IC to consider the problems and discuss the possibility that the additional personnel positions might be provided by the Intelligence Community Staff. (See Tab B.) But the Acting D/DCI/IC instead wants you to extend the loan of two or more ISS personnel to COMEX indefinitely, or provide those positions from somewhere else in CIA.

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